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QUARANTINE IS LIFTED

Eddy County Board of Health Removes Restrictions On Public Gatherings.

At a meeting of the Eddy County Board of Health held in the Commissioners' Room at the Eddy County Court House in Carlsbad, at 10:30 A. M., February 19th, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by W. F. McIlvain and seconded by L. A. Swigart that all public gatherings and places where public gatherings may be held, that have heretofore been closed by the Board of Health, be now allowed to open forthwith and it is further ordered that the management of the picture show fumigate said show room once each week during the following two weeks. Motion carried.

It is the desire of the County Board of Health to sincerely thank the public and the doctors who have cooperated with the County Board of Health and all individuals who have so earnestly tried to stamp out the epidemic with which we were threatened.

THE EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

By W. F. McILVAIN, Secretary.

NEW GIN TO BE BUILT AT LOVING.

A meeting of the Otis Gin and Warehouse company was held last Saturday, at which some very important business was transacted. It was decided at the meeting to increase the capital stock of the company from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The cotton farmers and others at Loving will take \$50,000 worth of stock and a gin will be built at that place to care for the large acreage to be planted in that section. The company retains the gin at Otis, also, and it and the new gin to be built at Loving will both be needed the coming season. The project of building a gin at Malaga was also discussed, but while no definite decision was reached, it is very likely to be built. Work will commence at once on the Loving building in order to have everything ready for the fall season.

PECOS RIVER WATER MUCH IN DEMAND.

Pecos water is much in demand just now. James D. McClelland and Charles W. Tucker of Carlsbad have filed with the state engineer notice of intention to make formal application for five second feet of water from the Pecos river by pump to irrigate 625 acres of land. They are the successors in title to the interests of Justus Gerlach who Oct. 10, 1916 obtained permit No. 559 for 142 second feet to irrigate 100 acres by pumping from the Pecos river. The pumping plant is located in SE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 32 township 24 south range 29 east. The land is located in section 32 township 24 south and section 36 township 25 south. It is proposed to enlarge the pumping plant to supply water for the greater acreage. The applicants state this is the last project on the Pecos river in New Mexico, and therefore does not interfere with existing rights on the river. As soon as a survey has been made of the project maps will be filed with a formal application for the additional water.—New Mexican (Santa Fe).

Collins Gerrell was in from Queen the first of this week on business.

ROAD WORK IN EDDY COUNTY.

A. M. Roudy Appointed as Superintendent of State Roads in Eddy County.

State road work has been at a standstill since Feb. 1. A. M. Roudy has been appointed superintendent of State roads in Eddy county, but W. C. Davidson, district engineer, has been ill with pneumonia in Roswell and Mr. Roudy has been unable to confer with him.

Road work has been progressing. The Avery tractor crew has finished grading roads in the Dayton district and is now at work in the Lakewood district. Next week they will be in Carlsbad. F. E. Little has been building cement culverts and fences in the Otis district. R. R. Rawls has worked the road on the east side of the Pecos from La Huerta to Lakewood and is now at work on the Lakewood-Hope road. The road from McMillan to Lakewood is impassable on account of the height of water in the lake and the large overflow through the spillways. A gang of men are at work on the road between Artesia and the Pecos, fixing a bog hole. Leaky wells are causing trouble on this road. W. E. Rose hired a tractor and with a county grader smoothed up the roads in the Loving district. The Moline tractor is working on the Blue Springs road. Supt. Richards had hoped to carry this road work on to the Texas line. A petition had been filed with him asking a change of route which would have gone around a dry bed, but this petition was withdrawn and no new petition filed. Unless the Friole proposition is revived the Moline outfit will be sent to the Hope district.

GOATMEN HAVE MEETING.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Pecos Valley Angora Goat Raisers Association had a meeting in the office of County Agent Smith at the court house. Besides the regular routine business transacted the following officers were elected for the coming year: J. C. De Moss, president; Ira Taylor, vice-president; and W. R. Hegler, secretary-treasurer. Dave McCollum, the retiring president of the association, presided at the meeting and it was agreed by all present to store the entire spring clip of mohair in the name of the association and sell the same in one bunch, making it more convenient for the buyers as well as less bother to the individual growers. Ira Taylor was authorized to make the sale of all association mohair which will be in the neighborhood of 40,000 lbs. After discussing plans by which it is hoped to extend the membership of the association the meeting adjourned.

ONE YEAR EACH IN PEN.

The Baren boys, Art and Jim, who have been confined in jail under charge of stealing the Mogo automobile, some two weeks ago, had their trial yesterday and pled guilty to the theft and were sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. It will be remembered that the boys abandoned the car after running it into the ditch near the Globe Plaster and Mining company's plant north of town. Deputy Sheriff Batton followed their trail a distance of thirty miles, tracing them by a defective shoe worn by one of the young men.

Mr. Phillips, formerly brakeman on the passenger train from Carlsbad north, spent a few days in the city the latter part of last week. His little daughter, Lillie, is with her grandparents in Comanche county, Texas.

DOW STANDS FOR RE-ELECTION

The Present District Attorney Stands on His Record in Again Submitting His Name to The Voters.

Elsewhere will be found the formal announcement of the Honorable Robert C. Dow as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney within and for the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico.

Mr. Dow states that the duties of his office may preclude him from making an extensive canvass of the district but that he will meet the voters in connection with his candidacy as often as occasion may offer and will thank his friends to remember him favorably to their friends.

Until recently, Mr. Dow's activities as District Attorney have been distributed over six counties. The business of these six counties, coming to the attention of the District Attorney during Mr. Dow's term, has been considerably more than that coming to the attention of any of his predecessors and, in fact, more than any one man can take care of satisfactorily to the entire public.

The legislature, observing the volume of business in connection with the District Attorney's office within these six counties, made provision for an additional District Attorney who resides at Clovis and presides over the three northern counties, Roosevelt, Curry and De Baca. Mr. Dow thinks the three lower counties, Eddy, Chaves and Lea, will afford one District Attorney about all the business he can attend to with credit to himself and justice to the public.

Mr. Dow is asking for re-election, stands squarely upon his record and from all indications, this record is good. As an example of the success of his administration, it may be mentioned that during his term he has tried nine murder cases, in seven of which the defendants were convicted. The two, in which there were acquittals, were old cases in which there had been mistrials during the term of his predecessor. Mr. Dow is a fearless prosecutor and the criminal understands that he cannot violate the law within this district and escape a vigorous prosecution. This feeling among the lawless element has doubtless had a very wholesome and salutary effect.

It may be safely said that wherever you find the murderer or cut-throat and the criminal element generally, you will find them, without exception, opposing the re-election of Mr. Dow. The attempt on his life at Clovis during the last meeting of the Bar Association there is evidence of the estimate placed upon our present District Attorney by the criminal element. A large number of prominent men throughout this district believe that the re-election of Mr. Dow would be a rebuke to the would-be assassin on that occasion and to the element which incited his cowardly act. His re-election would at least be an endorsement of an absolutely fearless and courageous administration of justice.

Mr. Dow's reputation as a prosecutor has become state-wide and his four years' experience has prepared him for just such service as the people of this district will require. He is prominently mentioned by the newspapers throughout the state as a candidate for Attorney General on the Democratic state ticket, but we are sure that his preferences lie more closely at home. He has served but one term and has done that faithfully and efficiently. Mr. Dow believes in the Democratic principle of a second term, other things being equal, and invokes that consideration for himself in his present race.

It may be said without any question that, in event of Mr. Dow's re-election, this district, for the next ensuing four years will have a District Attorney of ability, experience and one whose honesty and honor is entirely above reproach.

OIL WELL, BIG ONE.

The well near Axtel, reported to be a 300 barrel producer, is good for three to five hundred barrels when it has been "shot" according to a telegram received today by Edward Everett Young of this city from the scene of the strike. The telegram states there is a sixty feet of oil in the well and five barrels have been drawn. The driller makes the estimate of 300 to 500 barrels, which will make this biggest strike in New Mexico. The location is nine miles north of Farmington, eight miles southwest of Axtel, the county seat and three miles west of Flora Vista, where the first well was drilled in this district. It is on the dome of the anticline, where gushers are predicted in the Mesa Verde formation at 2500 to 3500 feet. The well had not been shot yesterday, but the stunt is evidently to come off soon.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

DON'T

Say they are not worth cleaning. Take your OLD HATS to ZIMMERMAN, The Hatter. He'll prove their worth. Phone No. 24, zero. Ugh!

ROBBERS OF CARLSBAD STORES APPREHENDED.

Old Offenders of Law Caught by Sheriff Batton, and Proved To Be Mexicans.

Carefully concealing every move and experienced in the art of burglary gained by many raids on Carlsbad stores, two Mexicans, Enrico Pastran and Crues Hernandez, were caught by a clever piece of detective work on the part of Deputy Sheriff Batton. The special case charged against them is the burglary of the Wertheim store last Thursday, which suffered a very heavy loss of dry goods of various kinds.

A very surprising discovery in connection with this theft was made when it was learned that two Mexican women were also implicated in the theft, and were working hand in hand with their more experienced companions. The men were arrested at Sierra Blanco, Texas, by the sheriff of that county, under instructions wired from here by Mr. Batton. The women boarded the train here Monday morning while Pastran and Hernandez got on at Otis. When their baggage was searched, a part of the goods stolen were found, which were identified by Mr. Wertheim. A tailored suit was also in their possession, which is thought to have been stolen from another party about two weeks ago.

The apprehension of these burglars is a relief to the business men of the town and probably ends a mystery that has long baffled the authorities. Mr. Batton, who has been hard at work on the case all week, with apparently very few clues to work on, deserves the praise of all law-abiding citizens of this neighborhood.

PAVING PROTEST MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at seven o'clock at the court house there will be a meeting of the citizens of Carlsbad who are affected by the proposed paving movement which has been instituted by the City Council and which has met with the hearty support and approval of a big majority of our citizens and property owners. The council has hired a civil engineer, E. L. Hancock, of Denver, Colo., who is now here and has everything in shape to go ahead with the paving just as soon as the necessary legal steps can be complied with, the bonds sold and the contract let. The meeting tonight is in compliance with the law which provides that the citizens must be given an opportunity to approve, disapprove or make any suggestions to the council as to the paving. According to the law the council necessarily is not compelled to pay any attention to protests offered at this meeting but they have no desire to act contrary to the wishes of a majority of the citizens affected, and for this reason it is hoped the meeting will be turned into one of boosting for the proposition. It is a good time to let the city council know that they have the cooperation and support of the people and serve notice to the world that our city is not a dead one. Paving of our streets cannot be anything but beneficial to every one for every dollar spent that way will increase the value of the property two-fold. The Carlsbad commercial club has already unanimously gone on record as favoring the proposed improvements and it is hoped that by spring the actual work of placing the paving will be in full swing.

The Knocker and the Booster.

The following clipping taken from a journal entitled "Greater El Paso", and published by the El Paso chamber of commerce seems to have the correct version and we publish the article herewith that those among us to whom it applies, and there are a few, may take notice and get away from the KNOCKER class:

"Choose Your Associates."

"When the Greater had made all the good things there was still some disagreeable work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished, He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion and the skunk, so he put all of these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak, and called it a KNOCKER.

This product was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sunbeam and put it in the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel, and called it a BOOSTER, and made him a lover of fields, flowers and many sports, a believer in equality and justice. And ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates.

Edgar Atwater and wife returned Wednesday evening from a lengthy stay at Manchester, Iowa, and are again snugly settled in their little home on Halagueno street. Mr. Atwater tells us there is some difference in the weather here in Carlsbad and in Iowa. The day they left Manchester, the thermometer stood at 12 degrees below

WORK OF CALLED SESSION OF STATE LEGISLATURE IS BEGUN

GOV. LARRAZOLO'S MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE DECLARES THE STATE WAS NOT A DOLLAR FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE—MUST DO DUTY TOWARD EX-SERVICE MEN.

Approves Corporations To Bear Full Share of Tax Burden.

Here's the program for the special session whose legislation is limited to the subjects named in the governor's call:

- 1—Ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment.
- 2—Provide for the defense of the state against internal or external enemies.
- 3—Authorize counties and cities to make a special levy for public health purposes.
- 4—Make the income tax law constitutional.
- 5—Authorize Socorro county to levy a special tax for the Ocean-to-Ocean highway.
- 6—Authorize Hidalgo county to levy a special tax for the transcription of its records.
- 7—Provide for carrying out the purposes of the Soldier settlement bill.
- 8—Pay the soldier settlement board's salaries.
- 9—Authorize Sierra and Grant counties to make special levies for the highway from Elephant Butte to the Arizona line.
- 10—Pay its own expenses.

Necessity of Public Defense Urged.

His chief reason for calling the special session was said by Governor Larrazolo in his message to the legislature today to be the necessity of placing a fund at his disposal for the preservation of order in the event that internal disturbance arose anywhere in the state.

The governor explained that his hands were tied, because of the failure of the legislature in the past, which, he said, could only be accounted for by the fact that no trouble was expected. But, he pointed out, conditions have changed, bringing new problems not thought of before the war. He said the reorganization of the national guard was an "indispensable necessity" to enforce the state's laws and to furnish the state's quota of trained soldiers in the event that the federal government called for them. The war department will maintain and equip the national guard, but the state will have to bear a relatively small expense for building stables for cavalry horses and giving the adjutant general's office additional help.

How he was handicapped by lack of funds in the Gallup strike was illustrated by the governor. He had not money at his disposal for sending the mounted police there, so he drew \$12,795, the unused amount in the mounted police fund and deposited it in the First national bank under his name to the credit of the "special mounted police fund." He said he knew he had no express authority under law but he believed his action was justified by the emergency. From the special fund \$1,407 was paid for the sending of the mounted police to Gallup and, the governor said, the balance was still in the bank subject to the legislature's disposition.

Ratify Amendment.

The lawmakers were urged to ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment. The governor called attention to the plank adopted by the republican state convention in Santa Fe on October 2, 1918, which he said, the republicans were in honor bound to carry out, regardless of what their individual views might be.

Soldier Settlement.

The soldier settlement board's troubles were explained and the governor asked that the act creating the board be so amended so that its intent could be carried out by providing available funds to enforce its provisions or by the enactment of a different law that would properly meet its intentions. He expressed the belief that the people of the state wish to do something for the soldiers, sailors and marines, even if they had to undertake the task single handed.

Income Tax.

The governor also pointed out the chief defect in the income tax law, saying that it included only corporations and co-partnerships organized under the state's laws, to the exclusion of foreign corporations. This, he said, was unjust discrimination and in itself enough to make the law unconstitutional. He added that members of the

legislature might hear that the whole scheme of taxing incomes was unconstitutional, but suggested that the law be allowed to remain with such amendments considered necessary to make it effective and then leave the decision as to its constitutionality in the hands of the courts.

The message in full follows:

Text of Message.
Gentlemen: In asking you to meet in special session, I have not been unmindful of the disfavor with which such special sessions are looked upon by the great body of our citizenship, a disfavor which, indeed, is not lacking in justification, if we consider the inevitable expense that is connected with the meeting of the legislative assembly, and the burden of taxation which already weighs heavily upon the people, and I beg to assure you that in taking this action, I have been guided purely by what I consider to be a solemn duty of the executive to the people of the state, a duty which, on a given occasion, that may or may not arise, can not be properly discharged at all, for the lack of necessary legislation on the subject. Under the constitution the governor of the state is charged with the duty of preserving the public peace, of executing the laws, of suppressing insurrection, and of repelling invasion. (Sec. 4, Art. 5, Constitution of New Mexico.) The intrusting of this solemn obligation to the executive of the state, presumes and presupposes that he is possessed of the necessary means to perform it when called upon to do so; yet, it is a fact that should any condition of insurrection or other social upheaval arise in the state, setting at defiance the execution of the laws, there is not one dollar at the disposal of the governor wherewith to defray the expenses incident to the preservation of peace and the enforcement of the laws of the state. To properly meet such a possible emergency, it is plainly the duty of the legislature to provide the necessary funds. That successive legislative bodies have failed to do so in the past, can only be accounted for on the ground that we have enjoyed such a long and uninterrupted period of peace and quiet, due to the peaceful and orderly disposition of our people, that a departure from that condition must have been considered as something almost unbelievable. In the course of time, however, conditions have changed, and new problems have arisen that must be solved in the light of existing circumstances. True, our own citizens are as law-abiding and as orderly now as they have ever been in the past, but the war from which we have just emerged, has left in the wake the same disturbed and unsettled economic and industrial conditions, the same seeds of discord and discontent, that have ever marked the termination of all armed conflicts among the nations of the earth, and as a result, a period of readjustment and reconstruction is now confronting us, which has of necessity excited the public mind, diverting it into unknown and uncharted channels, where a diversity of opinions, of schemes and theories, however honestly conceived and urged, frequently result in open and dangerous clashes among certain elements of the social body, as has too often been the case in our country since the signing of the armistice in November of 1918. Among the emigrants from foreign countries who have come here to enjoy the blessings and opportunities that no other government offers, and who form a very considerable portion of our population, we have found many whose whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of our government and of its institutions merits our highest approval and appreciation. Unfortunately, however, we have also found a great many of them, principally among the classes employed in the mining and manufacturing centers of the country who have taken advantage, and will, in all probability, again take advantage, of these same conditions, to scatter far and wide theories and doctrines of revolutionary tendencies; counseling and actually creating armed opposition to law, to order, and to constitutional authority, with the avowed ultimate purpose of subverting the very government that has given them cheerful asylum, and under which they have prospered even beyond their most cherished expectations.

Against such outbreaks of open

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